

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0145] with the following amended paragraph [0145]:

[0145] The information assistance application 800 may use the permission module 1000 to receive and interpret the reply from the subscriber terminal 806. If the reply contains an indicator that authorizes the release of the Subscriber contact information, the permission module 1000 prepares a message that will be sent to the Requestor containing the appropriate contact information of the Subscriber. Again, the permission module 1000 may use the virtual customer database module 1012 to access the virtual customer database system 1018 to obtain the appropriate contact information. If the Subscriber does not authorize the release of information, the permission module 1000 prepares a response to be sent to the Requestor's terminal 802 indicating that the requested contact information will not be provided.